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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SADDAM HUSSEIN TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. SUMMARY: VICE PRESIDENT OF IRAQI REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
SADDAM HUSSEIN VISITED YUGOSLAVIA JUNE 10-15, SAW TITO,
AND CONCENTRATED ON ECONOMIC MATTERS IN HIS TALKS WITH
YUGOSLAVS. FIVE-YEAR BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC
AND SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL COOPERATION SIGNED. END SUMMARY.

2. YUGOSLAV MEDIA GAVE HUSSEIN VISIT TYPE OF TREATMENT
USUALLY RESERVED FOR CHIEFS OF STATE, PERHAPS PARTLY
BECAUSE IT CAME DURING LULL BETWEEN TENTH PARTY CONGRESS
AND TITO TRIP TO FRG. HUSSEIN'S OFFICIAL HOST AND PRINCIPAL
PARTNER IN TALKS WAS PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL (CABINET) DZEMAL BIJEDIC. HASSEIN CALLED ON TITO
AT LATTER'S KARADJORDJEYO HUNTING LODGE JUNE 12 AND ON
STANE DOLANC (SECRETARY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, LCY) SAME
DAY FOR TALKS ON PARTY-TO-PARTY COOPERATION (HUSSEIN DESCRIBED
AS DEPUTY SECTY-GENERAL OF IRAQI BAATH PARTY). HE ALSO SPENT
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TWO DAYS IN AND AROUND RIJEKA, WHERE HE VISITED "TRECI MAJ",

SHIPYARD AND DIESEL ENGINE PLANT.

3. HUSSEIN ACCOMPANIED HERE BY FONMIN ABD AL-BAQI, HEALTH MINISTER MUSTAFA, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AL-JAZRAWI, AND MEMBER OF BAATH PARTY NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AL-HAMDANI. YUGOSLAV SIDE AT VARIOUS TALKS INCLUDED, IN ADDITION TO BIJEDIC, FONSEC MINIC, FOREIGN TRADE SECTY LUDVIGER, ANDOV (HEAD OF FEC COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES), ASST. SECTY FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE LCOL-GEN VUJATOVIC.

4. AL-JAZRAWI AND ANDOV SIGNED FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION REPORTEDLY CALLING FOR PEARICIPATION OF YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES IN URAQ'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -- SPECIFICALLY IN AGRICULTURE, CIVIL ENGINEERING, INDUSTRY, HYDROELECTRIC POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS. PRESS NOTED IRAQUIS HAD "ASSUMED OBLIGATION FOR LONG-TERM OIL DELIVERIES TO YUGOSLAV PARTNERS".

5. TEXT OF YUGOSLAV-IRAQI JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED JUNE 16 APPEARS TO BE STANDARD DOCUMENT FOR SUCH A VISIT. INCLUDES TRIBUTE TO NONALIGNMENT, CONDEMNATION OF ATTEMPTS OF IMPERIALIST FORCES TO THEART "PEOPLES' AND COUNTRIES' STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE". NOTES CONTINUING VIOLATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT BY SAIGON "WITH SUPPORT OF IMPERIALIST FORCES". TWO SIDES CALLED FOR INDIAN OCEAN AND "THE GULF" TO BECOME ZONE OF PEACE, WITH BASES DISMANTLED, AND FOR INSURING FULL NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN ARABS.

6. COMMENT: WHILE PRESS REPORTS OF THE ECONOMIC/SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL AGREEMENT GAVE NO INDICATION OF THE MAGNITUDE OF EITHER SIDES COMMITMENT, THE AGREEMENT APPARENTLY REPRESENTS FURTHER PROGRESS IN YUGOSLAVIA'S EFFORTS TO SECURE OIL SUPPLIES AND FIND WAYS OF PAYING FOR THEM IN EXPORTS OF TECHNICAL AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.
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